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HIGHWAYS TO STRENGTHEN COASTAL DEFENSE -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao, 15 Dec 50

Shen-ch'uan, 14 December -- A special highway committee of representatives of various military and provincial and hsien highway agencies has been formed to complete and improve the network of highways along the southeast coast of Kwangtung. Recently, the committee dispatched a team of 43 road-construction engineers from Canton to Shen-ch'uan, where they dispersed to the sites of work projects on the roads from Shen-ch'uan to Pao-an, Shen-ch'uan to Tan-shui, and Shen-ch'uan to Hui-yang.

Army engineer teams have already erected telephone lines connecting numerous points north, east, and west of Shen-ch'uan. Except for a few lines between the larger places, these new lines are restricted to military use only.

KWANGTUNG-KIANGSI MILITARY HIGHWAY -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 26 Nov 50

Canton, 25 November -- Approximately 150,000 civilian laborers and 1,600 carts and trucks have been mobilized to complete within one month the construction of a new highway in eastern Kwangtung. The highway is to start at the Pai-yun airfield near Canton, proceed eastward via Hsing-ning to P'ing-yuan, and then across the Kwangtung-Kiangsi border to make a junction with the Kiangsi-Chekiang highway. It will greatly facilitate military transport. Every evening over 100 trucks from the city and suburbs are to be seen hauling sand and rock to the airfield. To prevent leakage of information, four Chinese Communist soldiers ride on each truck. For many sections of this new highway, portions of existing highways are being utilized.

Prior to 20 October 1950, the People's government of P'ing-yuan Hsien started the construction of the road between Ta-che (1) [numbers refer to appended characters] in P'ing-yuan Hsien and Niu-tou-kuang (2) in Hsun-wu Hsien, Kiangsi. This section is more than 70 li [3 li equal 1 mile] long. It will have 44 large and small bridges, which commercial contractors are to build. This highway, which connects with a road to Kan-chou (3), follows a route that avoids the difficulties and dangers of the road from Tung-shih (4) through P'ing-yuan to Hwei-ch'ang (5) via the multiple hairpin turns of San-hsia-chi (6) and Ta-hsieh-ao (7).

RUSH HIGHWAY REPAIRS IN EAST KWANGTUNG -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao, 7 Dec 50

Canton, 6 December -- To strengthen the defense of the southeast coast of Kwangtung, the military authorities have issued orders to the East River Highway Bureau to complete, by the end of December 1950, the repair of all provincial, hsien, and local roads in the area, including bridges, culverts, drainage, etc. In some cases, the work includes the widening of the road surface.

According to a Communist source, roads now in good condition include the following:

	Distance (li)
Hui-yang--Swatow	420
Hui-yang--Chang-mu-t'ou	92
Hui-yang--Tan-shui	76
Hui-yang--Shen-ch'uan	116
Tan-shui--Shen-[second character illegible]	160
Tan-shui--Pai-mang-hua--P'ing-shan	76
Tan-shui--Ao-t'ou-chiang	26
Hui-yang--Tseng-ch'eng--Po-lo	172

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Also, on the Hui-yang--Tzu-chip--Wu-hua highway, an 80-li section running through P'ing-t'an, Liang-hua, and Heng-li; and a 136-li section on the Hui-yang--Swatow highway, running through Hai-feng, Lyng-feng, and K'uei-t'an, are now in good condition.

Although over 1,000 civilian laborers had been mobilized to repair sections of the Canton--Hui-yang--Po-lo--Ho-yuan highway, work has been impossible due to the fact that anti-Communist guerrillas are very active in or near Hsin-tso-t'ang (8), Yang-ts'un (9), Hsien-ts'un (10), Shih-pa (11), P'u-ch'ien (12), and in the hilly regions of K'un-lien-lo-fu Shan (13), Hsiang-t'ou Shan (14), Kuei Shan (15), and Mao-tzu-feng Shan (16). Recently, the anti-Communist bandits captured some 20 superintendents and foremen of the construction gangs, carried them off and killed them, and burned some of the bridges. Work in these regions has come to a standstill.

A conference of some 73 highway officials, superintendents and other leaders has been convened to discuss how to effect highway repair and maintenance with locally mobilized civilian labor.

REPAIR CENTRAL KWANGTUNG HIGHWAYS -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 20 Dec 50

San-fou, 19 December -- Hsien committees to push the restoration of the highways of central Kwangtung according to a concerted plan have been formed in the following hsien: T'ai-shan, Hsin-huei, K'ai-p'ing, En-p'ing, Ch'ih-ch'i, Yang-chiang, Yang-ch'un, Hao-shan, and Kao-ming.

According to plans agreed upon, the restoration of four important inter-hsien highways are to be given priority, namely, (1) from Ssu-shih-chiu-hsu (17) in K'ai-p'ing Hsien, through Ts'ang-ch'eng (18) to Hsin-hsing-hsien; (2) from Tan-shui-k'ou in K'ai-p'ing Hsien through Hao-ch'eng (19) to Hsin-hsing-hsien; (3) from Tu-hu (20) in T'ai-shan Hsien to Ch'ih-ch'i-hsien; and (4) from Yang-chiang and Yang-ch'un to Ch'ih-ch'i-hsien.

A simultaneous mobilization of 30,000 corvée laborers is to be carried out. The military are to give assistance. The provincial government is to provide teams of engineers to attend to the construction of bridges and other technical matters. The people have been told that the repair of the roads will lead to prosperity by facilitating the interchange of commodities between the cities and the country. Work has already started at some points. It is to be completed by the end of December 1950.

NORTHWEST HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION -- Urumchi Sinkiang Jih-pao, 18 Oct 50

Chia T'o-fu (21), deputy chairman of the Finance and Economic Committee of the Northwest Military and Administrative Committee, in an article for this paper has revealed the following.

National highways in the Northwest include the Sian--Lan-chou and the Lan-chou--Sinkiang road, of which the western terminus is Ho-erh-kuo-ssu (22), and which has a total length of 3,367 kilometers; and the Szechwan--Shensi highway having a total length, of 997 kilometers.

In addition, there is a total of 17,922 kilometers of provincial highways.

To liberate Tibet, the troops of the First Field Army are pushing the construction of a highway from Hsi-ning to Yu-shu (23), and one from Hsi-ning to Chang-yeh (24), also known as Kan-chou, Kansu. The highway will have a total length of 1,481 kilometers. According to estimates, by the end of September 1950 [sic], the road to Yu-shu should be completed as far as the banks of the Yellow River.

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